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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Michael D. Scates, 26, of Sun Prairie, Wis., was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 100 months in prison, without the possibility of parole, for possessing with intent to distribute five grams or more of cocaine base. Scates pleaded guilty to this charge on June 17, 2008.

Approximately 42 grams of crack cocaine, as well as \$2,572, were located in Scates's Sun Prairie apartment on February 11, 2008, after officers with the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration conducted a consent search of the apartment.

The charge against Scates was the result of an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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